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SUBJECT: ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS TO MEET IN JUNE

1. DAILY EXPRESS ANNOUNCED OVER THE WEEKEND THAT THE ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS WILL MEET IN JAKARTA ON JUNE 1 TO 3 TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF THE FIVE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS.
2. DFA SOURCES STATE THAT THE PROPOSED JUNE 1 DATE MAY SLIP BY TWO OR THREE DAYS, AS MOST COUNTRIES ARE BEGINNING TO HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH THAT DATE. NEW INTERIM PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY WILL PROBABLY CAUCUS ON JUNE 1, AND CABINET MINISTERS WILL LIKELY ATTEND. ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING WILL DEFINITELY BE HELD EARLY JUNE, AS IT HAS BEEN POSTPONED SO LONG.
3. MAJOR AGENDA ITEM OF INTEREST WOULD LIKELY BE THE 750 ITEMS NEGOTIATED FOR PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM. THE COTT PROPOSAL

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IS THAT THESE 750 ITEMS BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS, BUT IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO GO TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN PATTAYA ON JUNE 14-16. TOUSSAINT

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